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<b>A.</b> ]	REGISTRANT IDENTIFICA	TION	
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ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF	BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box	No.)	FIRM I.D. NO.
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Fresno	CA	937	20
(City)	(State)	(Zip	Code)
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER C Chester Reid	OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REC		T 59) 322–1001
		(Ar	ea Code – Telephone Number)
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INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTA	•	·	
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<sup>\*</sup>Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)



# OATH OR AFFIRMATION

Ι, _	Chester Reid		, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
my	knowledge and belief the accompanying financia	il statement a	nd supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
	Strongtower Financial, Inc.		
of_	December 31;	2007	are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
neit	ther the company nor any partner, proprietor, pri	ncipal officer	or director has any proprietary interest in any account
clas	ssified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:	ows:	
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	545-15 COMM. #1782882		
	FRESNO COUNTY My Comm. Expires Dec. 29, 2011	_	President
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	Notary Public		
	is report ** contains (check all applicable boxes):	•	
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X	(c) Statement of Income (Loss).		
X	(d) Statement of Changes in Cash Flows		
$\overline{\mathbf{x}}$	(e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equ	ity or Partner	s' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
$\bar{\Box}$	(f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordi	•	
y	(g) Computation of Net Capital.		
X	(h) Computation for Determination of Reserve	Requirements	Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
X	(i) Information Relating to the Possession or C	ontrol Requir	ements Under Rule 15c3-3.
Х	(j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate expl	anation of the	Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the
	Computation for Determination of the Reser		
		naudited State	ements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of
63	consolidation.		
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	(m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.		And foundation and and the sales are said to the
	(ii) A report describing any material inadequacte	s found to exis	st or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

<sup>\*\*</sup>For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

# YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Strongtower Financial, Inc., as of December 31, 2007, and the related statements of income (loss), changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. financial statements are the responsibility of the company's Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the management. financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the An audit also includes assessing the financial statements. accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement We believe that our audit provides a reasonable presentation. basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Strongtower Financial, Inc., as of December 31, 2007, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information included in this report on pages 16 through 19 is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Rule 17a-5 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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February 26, 2008

# STATEMENT OF PINANCIAL CONDITION

# DECEMBER 31, 2007

# **ASSETS**

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Cash and cash equivalents		Ş	2,698,454
Certificates of deposit			2,350,000
Mortgage bond inventory			99,000
Receivables related to broker transactions			
(Note 3)			200,810
Other receivables			142,215
Refundable income taxes			327,733
Prepaid income taxes			524,174
Prepaid expenses			355,528
Investment in securities (Note 4)			28,250
Other investments			7,156
Property and equipment, at cost, less			
accumulated depreciation of \$649,177			2,066,365
Demand note (Note 5)			1,789
Intangible asset, less accumulated amortization of \$2,310			20,787
Deposits - P.A.I.B.			100,000
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TOTAL ASSETS			8,922,261
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
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LIABILITIES			=
Accounts payable			548,495
Accrued commissions (Note 3)			2,311,954
Accrued expenses			164,272
Long-term notes payable (Note 6)			1,928,536
Obligation under capital lease (Note 7)			12,957
Deferred tax liability, federal			88,000
Deferred tax liability, California		_	9,800
TOTAL LIABILITIES			5,064,014
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 10)			0
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 10)			U
EQUITY			
Equity	\$ 368,000		
Accumulated other comprehensive income	12,520		
Retained earnings	3,477,727		
recarned carnings	2,2,12/		
TOTAL EQUITY			2 859 247
TOTAL DECTIT		_	3,858,247
		•	0 022 261
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		\$	8,922,261

# STATEMENT OF INCOME (LOSS)

REVENUE			
Broker fees and commissions			\$ 5,358,960
Underwriter fees			3,773,759
Interest			290,448
Insurance commissions			77,506
Capital stewardship fees			501,650
Other			160,519
TOTAL REVENUE			10,162,842
RIPENSES			
Advertising	\$	114,266	
Amortization		1,540	
Assessment fee		64,970	
Bad debt expense		48,000	
Commissions		608,702	
Consulting		312,813	
Contributions		19,712	
Data processing		221,196	
Depreciation		133,110	
Dues and subscriptions		33,812	
Filing fees		12,451	
Human resource		157,217	
Insurance		96,400	
Interest		167,982	
Lease expense		216,801	
Legal and accounting		331,814	
Marketing		493,564	
Miscellaneous		44,279	
Office		193,854	
Printing		719	
Program expense		33,971	
Payroll expenses		5,101,573	
Payroll taxes and benefits		1,103,547	
Postage and shipping		92,295	
Property maintenance		68,173	
Securitization fees		587,539	
Storage		6,508	
Telephone		79,458	
Training and education		114,464	
Travel		290,478	
Utilities	_	36,297	
TOTAL EXPENSES			10,787,505
LOSS BEFORE PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES			(624,663)
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES (TAX BENEFIT) (Note 9)			(154,732)
NET LOSS			(469,931)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS), NET OF TAX			
Unrealized loss on investment			(2,080)
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)			\$ (472,011)

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE RETAINE EQUITY INCOME EARNING					
BALANCE, January 1, 2007	\$	368,000	\$	14,600	\$	4,771,604
Net loss		<del></del>		-		(469,931)
Dividends paid		-		-		(823,946)
Unrealized loss on investment				(2,080)		
BALANCE, December 31, 2007	\$	368,000	\$	12,520	\$	3,477,727

# STATEMENT OF CASE FLOWS

CLUB BLONG SDOW ADDRESSES LOWERING		
CASE PLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Net loss		\$ (469,931)
Adjustment to reconcile net loss to net		\$ (403,331)
cash used by operating activities:		
Depreciation		133,110
Amortization		1,540
Deferred tax benefit on other comprehensive income	e	1,200
Changes in:		
Mortgage bond inventory		523,000
Receivables related to broker		
transactions		59,546
Other receivables		65,882
Refundable income taxes		(327,733)
Prepaid income taxes		(138,879)
Prepaid expenses		(188,163)
Accounts payable Accrued commissions		103,143 (207,614)
Accrued expenses		(142,292)
Deferred tax liability, federal		168,000
Deferred tax liability, California		800
NET CASH USED BY		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		(410 201)
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		(418,391)
CASE FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Increase in certificates of deposit	\$ (500,000	n)
Proceeds from sale of securities	98,18	
Purchase of securities	(2,010	
Acquisition of property and equipment	(191,53)	
Proceeds from sale of equipment	1,490	
Decrease in demand notes	108,360	
NET CASH USED BY		_
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(485,503)
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CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	109,180	0
Payments on long-term debt	(47,99	7)
Payments on capital lease obligation	(4,319	9)
Dividends paid	(823,94)	<u>6</u> )
NRT CASE USED BY		
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(767,082)
NET DECREASE IN CASE		(1,670,976)
CASE AND CASE EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year		4,369,430
CASE AND CASE EQUIVALENTS, end of year		\$ 2,698,454
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CASE FLOW INFORMATION		
Interest paid		\$ 167,982
Income taxes paid		\$ 141,882
Non-cash investing and financing activities		
Unrealized loss on investment		\$ (3,280)
Capital lease obligation incurred		
for purchase of equipment		\$ 17,276
Refinance of long-term debt		\$ 637,792
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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### DECEMBER 31, 2007

#### NOTE 1: ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Strongtower Financial, Inc., was incorporated under the laws of the State of California in October 1993. Strongtower Financial, Inc. is a FINRA-regulated securities firm specializing in church and nonprofit financing as well as values-based financial services for clients across the country.

The following are the significant accounting policies of the company:

Method of accounting - The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Broker fees and commissions income and related expenses are recorded on a settlement date basis as securities transactions occur. Underwriter fees are recognized upon release of escrow fees.

Certificates of deposit - Certificates of deposit totaled \$2,350,000 at December 31, 2007. The certificates bear interest ranging from 4.80% to 5.25% and have maturities of less than six months with penalties for early withdrawal. Any penalties for early withdrawal would not have a material effect on the financial statements.

Mortgage bond inventory - Mortgage bond inventory consists of mortgage bonds purchased for resale and are stated at fair market value.

Investment in securities - The company's investment in securities is classified as "available for sale" securities and is carried on the financial statements at fair market value. Realized gains and losses are included in earnings; unrealized holding gains and losses are reported as a separate component of equity as "Other Comprehensive Income".

Other investments - Other investments consist of funds on deposit with the Louisiana Baptist Foundation. The investment is stated at cost, which approximates market value.

**Property and equipment** - Property and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation is provided by the straight-line and accelerated methods for financial reporting and income tax purposes, at rates designed to distribute the costs of property and equipment over their estimated useful lives.

Retirements of depreciable property are charged to the allowance for depreciation to the extent of its related accumulated depreciation. The cost is removed from the asset account, and any profit or loss on disposition is credited or charged to income.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### DECEMBER 31, 2007

# NOTE 1: ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Intangible asset - Intangible asset consists of legal fees incurred for the company name change. The intangible asset is being amortized on a straight-line basis over 15 years. Amortization expense charged to operations in 2007 was \$1,540.

Income taxes - Income taxes are provided for the tax effects of transactions reported in the financial statements and consist of taxes currently due plus deferred taxes. Deferred taxes are recognized for differences between the basis of assets and liabilities for financial statement and income tax purposes. Deferred tax assets and liabilities represent the future tax return consequences of those differences, which will either be taxable or deductible when the assets and liabilities are recovered or settled.

Accounting estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and cash equivalents - For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the company considers all cash balances to be cash equivalents.

Advertising costs - Advertising costs are expensed as incurred and totaled \$114,266 in 2007.

Comprehensive income (loss) - Comprehensive income (loss) consists of net loss plus unrealized gain (loss) on investment, which is referred to as other comprehensive income (loss). Other comprehensive income (loss) is presented in the statement of income (loss), and an analysis of changes in accumulated other comprehensive income is presented in the statement of changes in equity.

#### NOTE 2: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Strongtower Financial, Inc., is a wholly owned subsidiary of the California Baptist Foundation. The board of directors of Strongtower Financial, Inc., is comprised of board members who serve on the California Baptist Foundation board and at-large members.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# DECEMBER 31, 2007

# NOTE 2: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

For the year ended December 31, 2007, related party transactions consist of the following:

Accounts receivable from California Baptist Foundation	\$ 37,755
Accounts payable to California Baptist Foundation	5,479
Note payable to California Baptist Foundation (Note 6)	60,042
Dividends paid to California Baptist Foundation	823,946
Lease of office space in Riverside, California to California Baptist Foundation. Rent income received for the year ended December 31, 2007	4,900
Church Loan Fund management fee income from California Baptist Foundation	107,492
Church Loan Fund expense reimbursement from California Baptist Foundation	410,254
Reimbursement of expenses to California Baptist Foundation	422,797

#### NOTE 3: RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES RELATED TO BROKER TRANSACTIONS

Amounts receivable and payable related to broker transactions at December 31, 2007, consist of the following:

	RECEIVABLE	PAYABLE
Trailer fees Commissions	\$ 67,736 133,074	\$ - 2,311,954
	\$ 200,810	\$ 2,311,954

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### DECEMBER 31, 2007

#### NOTE 4: INVESTMENT IN SECURITIES

Investment in securities as of December 31, 2007, is summarized as follow:

	Cost	Quoted ket Value	Un:	realized Loss
Available-for-sale securities				
Common stock	\$ 29,520	\$ 26,240	\$	(3,280)
Bond fund	 2,010	 2,010		
	\$ 31,530	\$ 28,250	\$	(3,280)

The fair value of the investment securities is obtained from a quotation service.

# NOTE 5: DEMAND NOTE

Demand note at December 31, 2007, consists of the following:

Loan to employee, unsecured note payable in monthly installments of \$150 plus interest at 5%, maturing December 2008.

1,789

# NOTE 6: LONG-TERM NOTES PAYABLE

Long-term notes payable at December 31, 2007, consist of the following:

San Joaquin Bank, payable in monthly installments of \$14,005, including interest at 7.5%, maturing August 2017. Secured by deed of trust.

\$ 1,868,494

California Baptist Foundation, unsecured note, payable in monthly installments of \$2,031, including interest at 8.25%, maturing September 2010.

60,042

\$ 1,928,536

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### DECEMBER 31, 2007

#### NOTE 6: LONG-TERM NOTES PAYABLE (Continued)

Annual maturities of long-term debt are the following:

	\$ 1.928.536
Thereafter	1,699,709
2012	38,983
2011	36,175
2010	51,543
2009	53,049
2008	\$ 49,077

#### NOTE 7: OBLIGATION UNDER CAPITAL LEASE

Included in property and equipment is leased equipment under a capital lease of \$17,276, with accumulated amortization of \$864, which has been included in depreciation expense. Future minimum lease payments under the lease, together with the present value of the net minimum lease payments as of December 31, 2007, are as follows:

#### YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

2008	Minimum lease payment	\$ 13,626
	Less amount representing interest	 669
	Present value of minimum lease payments	\$ 12,957

#### NOTE 8: RETIREMENT PLAN

The company has a 401(k) retirement plan covering all employees who are age 18 or older. The plan allows eligible employees to defer up to 100% of their compensation, pursuant to Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. The company matches employee contributions on the first 5% of the employee's deferral.

The employer may make an additional, discretionary contribution to the plan. The Board of Directors determines each year if such a contribution will be made and, if so, the amount to be contributed. This contribution will be shared by all eligible employees, regardless of whether they make an elective contribution.

The total contribution expense for 2007 was \$410,812.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### DECEMBER 31, 2007

#### NOTE 9: PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES (TAX BENEFIT)

The provision for income taxes (tax benefit) for the year ended December 31, 2007, is as follows:

CURRENT	
Federal	\$ (333,105)
California and other states	<u>8,373</u>
	(324,732)
DEFERRED TAX	
Federal	169,000
California	1,000
	170,000
	\$ (154,73 <u>2</u> )

The current federal tax benefit includes \$327,733 of refundable income taxes due to the carryback of the 2007 net operating loss.

Deferred tax expense is a result of the following:

	F	ederal	Cal	ifornia	Total		
Depreciation State tax expense	\$	28,000 141,000	\$	1,000	\$	29,000 141,000	
		169,000		1,000		170,000	
Other comprehensive income		(1,000)		(200)		(1,200)	
	\$	168,000	\$	800	\$	168,800	

#### NOTE 10: COMMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

# Litigation

The Company is a defendant in a case filed in the Circuit Court of Camden County, Missouri. The case arose out of an internal dispute between two factions of the Missouri Baptist Convention and concerns which of the two factions controls the Windermere Conference Center. Strongtower Financial, Inc. facilitated a mortgage bond issue to refinance debt owed by the Conference Center. Based on Strongtower Financial, Inc.'s role as seller of the bonds, Strongtower Financial Inc. is among the parties that the plaintiffs seek to enjoin from further action with respect to the bond transaction. Strongtower Financial, Inc. intends to vigorously defend its position. The ultimate outcome of the litigation cannot presently be determined;

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### DECEMBER 31, 2007

#### NOTE 10: COMMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (continued)

#### Litigation (continued)

however, in management's opinion, the likelihood of a material adverse outcome is remote. Accordingly, adjustments, if any that might result from the resolution of this matter have not been reflected in the financial statements.

#### Operating Leases

The organization leases office space and equipment under operating leases. The operating leases terminate as follow:

Office - 7080 N. Whitney, Fresno, CA	June 30, 2009
Office - 251 S. Randolph Ave., Brea, CA	July 31, 2010
Office - Vancouver, WA	July 31, 2009
Office - 2280 Market St., Riverside, CA	July 31, 2012
Copier Aficio 3228 CSPF	November 30, 2011
Copier Aficio 9000	November 30, 2011
Copier Kyocera Mita, KM-5050	August 31, 2011
Mail machine/postage meter	February 20, 2012
Mail machine/postage meter	August 31, 2012
Foxtrot software	October 31, 2009

Future minimum lease payments are as follow:

		OFFICE				MACHINE/			
		Lease	(	COPIERS	POST	AGE METER	80	OFTWARE	TOTAL
YEAR ENDED									
DECEMBER 31,									
2008	\$	180,892	\$	17,952	\$	5,520	\$	6,600	\$ 210,964
2009		164,749		17,952		5,520		5,500	193,721
2010		121,879		17,952		5,520		-	145,351
2011		89,485		16,832		6,440		-	112,757
2012		60,838		3,008		2,198		-	 66,044
	<u>\$</u>	617,843	\$	73,696	\$	25,198	\$	12,100	\$ 728,837

Total rent expense for the year ended December 31, 2007, was \$134,457.

# NOTE 11: CREDIT RISK

The company maintains its cash accounts with banks located in Fresno, California. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insures total cash balances up to \$100,000 per bank. At December 31, 2007, the company had cash accounts with combined balances of \$1,892,585 that were not FDIC insured.

At December 31, 2007, cash and cash equivalents includes funds held at a clearing firm in the amount of \$549,419. This account is not insured by the FDIC nor guaranteed by the U.S. government.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# DECEMBER 31, 2007

#### NOTE 11: CREDIT RISK (Continued)

The Company is engaged in various trading and brokerage activities in which counterparties primarily include broker-dealers, banks and other financial institutions. In the event counterparties do not fulfill their obligations, the Company may be exposed to risk. The risk of default depends on the creditworthiness of the counterparty or issuer of the instrument. It is the Company's policy to review, as necessary, the credit standing of each counterparty.

#### NOTE 12: NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital of \$100,000 and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2007, the company had net capital of \$1,754,196 and a ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital of 1.86 to 1.

Certified Public Accountants

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5

Board of Directors Strongtower Financial, Inc. Fresno, California

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Strongtower Financial, Inc., for the year ended December 31, 2007, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the company's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the company in making the periodic computation of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and procedures for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. We did not review the practices and procedures followed by the company in making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13 or in complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, because the company does not carry security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.

The management of the company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets for which the company responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional accepted accounting principles. objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control and the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first and second paragraphs and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the company's practices and procedures, as described in the second paragraph of this report, were adequate at December 31, 2007, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of the board of directors, management, the SEC, the New York Stock Exchange and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

February 26, 2008

Moore Grider & Company

# SCHEDULE I

# COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

# DECEMBER 31, 2007

Net Capital Total equity		\$ 3,858,247
Nonallowable assets:		
Securities not allowable	(106,156)	
Receivables from non-customers	(1,158,966)	
Prepaid expenses	(376,315)	
Equipment - net of depreciation	(364,479)	
Receivable from affiliate	(37,755)	
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		(2,043,671)
Net capital before haircut on securities		1,814,576
Haircut on securities		(60,380)
Net Capital		1,754,196
Aggregate Indebtedness		
Items included in statement		
of financial condition	400 000	
Payable to non-customers Accounts payable, accrued liabilities, expenses	402,299	
and other	2,635,381	
Note payable	226,650	
	220,030	
		3 264 320
		3,264,330
Computation of Basis of Net Capital Requirement		
Minimum net capital required based on		217,620
aggregate indebtedness		
Minimum dollar requirement		100,000
Minimum net capital required based on		217 620
aggregate indebtedness		217,620
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Excess Net Capital		1,536,576
Ratio: aggregate indebtedness to net capital		1.86 to 1
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Reconciliation with company's computation		
(included in Part IIA of Form X-17A-5		
as of December 31, 2007)		
Net capital, as reported in company's		
Part IIA (unaudited) Focus Report		1,841,599
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Net audit adjustments:		
Accounts payable - vendors		(1,813)
Prepaid expenses		3,275
Federal deferred tax adjustment		(88,000)
State deferred tax adjustment		(800)
Haircut on securities		(65)
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Net Capital, per above		\$ 1,754,196

# SCHEDULE II

# COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

DECEMBER 31, 2007

Note: Strongtower Financial, Inc., is exempt from providing supplementary information regarding the computation of reserve requirements pursuant to SEC Rule 15c3-3k(2)i. During the year ended December 31, 2007, Strongtower Financial, Inc., complied with the conditions of Exemption k(2)i by not carrying margin accounts and promptly forwarding customer funds to a qualified bank escrow agent.

# SCHEDULE III

INFORMATION RELATING TO POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS
UNDER RULE 15c3-3 OF THE
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

DECEMBER 31, 2007

Note: Strongtower Financial, Inc., is exempt from providing supplementary information relating to possession or control requirements pursuant to SEC Rule 15c3-3k(2)i. During the year ended December 31, 2007, Strongtower Financial, Inc., complied with the conditions of Exemption k(2)i by not carrying margin accounts and promptly forwarding customer funds to a qualified bank escrow agent.

#### SCHEDULE IV

SCHEDULE FOR SEGREGATION REQUIREMENTS AND FUNDS IN SEGREGATION FOR CUSTOMERS' REGULATED COMMODITY FUTURES AND OPTIONS ACCOUNTS

DECEMBER 31, 2007

END

Note: Strongtower Financial, Inc., is exempt from providing supplementary information related to segregation requirements pursuant to SEC Rule 15c3-3k(2)i. During the year ended December 31, 2007, Strongtower Financial, Inc., complied with the conditions of Exemption k(2)i by not carrying margin accounts and promptly forwarding customer funds to a qualified bank escrow agent.